

6 February 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: OFFICE OF OPERATIONS

ATT: Chief, [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: Russian Marine Insurance

REFERENCES:

(a) Message to [REDACTED]

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(b) Memo from General Counsel to
OO, same subject, dtd 2 Feb 51

1. Mr. Babcock, Chief of the legal Investigation Division of FTC, called me concerning the conversation set forth in our memorandum of 2 February. I called on him and he informed me that he had reviewed the investigation concerning the information [REDACTED]. He stated there was information particularly concerning cargo in trade directly between the United States and Russia. He felt it had been properly recorded by his investigators in their attempt to discover whether there was any unduly restrictive trade practice.

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2. As a result of his review, Mr. Babcock stated that the information concerning the Russian insurance and reinsurance was not necessary to the case he was preparing in his report to the Commission. He consequently assured me that the report would not mention Russian insurance matters or these companies and their connection therewith, and that the information would remain in his files but would not be available outside of his office. He further stated that he first had felt that he should have the permission of the Commission to except this information from his report, but on considering our particular interest in the matter, he felt that the fewer who discussed this matter the better. He had therefore taken it upon himself to determine that the information was not pertinent to and should not be contained in his report to the Commission. I, in return, assured Mr. Babcock that if by any chance there was unfavorable publicity reflecting on his failure to report, we would do all in our power to assist him and that he should call on this office in that event.

3. I feel his ready understanding of our problem and the actions he has taken are of material assistance to the Agency,

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and I have prepared a letter to express this Agency's appreciation, which is attached hereto. If you agree that it is appropriate, please dispatch it directly.

LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON
General Counsel

Attach: Proposed Letter to
Mr. Babcock fr LRHouston

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